## **REMARKS**

Claims 9 – 19 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1 – 8 have been cancelled. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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